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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

DOHI, Masahiko, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/125,814

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: August 26, 1998

Examiner: Alysia Berman

For: POWDERY COMPOSITION FOR NASAL ADMINISTRATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 1999. A Petition for a three month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before February 24, 2000.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims below.

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Claim 19 (Twice Amended). A powdery composition for nasal administration wherein

(1) the composition contains

(i) a drug,

(ii) one or more of a water absorbing and gel-forming base material from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, ~~hydroxyethyl cellulose~~, ~~hydroxyethyl cellulose~~ and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and

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